

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 10th January 2016

Counties Contest

The 80 metres counties contest on New Year's Day was well supported, with stations active in most counties. Band conditions were reasonable, with a low noise floor. This year, for the first time, a final score bonus linked to CW QSOs was on offer in the mixed mode contest sections, to encourage more CW activity. This incentive seems to have worked, and we noted a big increase in activity at the CW end of the band.

The contest manager has asked everyone who participated to submit their log - even if it's only for a few QSOs. Logs can be emailed to contestmanager /at/ irts.ie or sent by post to Joe EI7GY at his home address (see the call book). The deadline for logs is Friday next, 15th January.

Coolmine Rally February 2016

The Coolmine Rally operated by the Phoenix Amateur Radio Club will take place at Coomine Communicaty School, Grove Road, Dublin 15, D15 FW97 on Sunday 14th February 2016. Doors open 10am.

Contact number for enquiries, tables etc Tony 087 2439997

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

Final plans are being made for The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group's 2016 radio theory course, which will start in the coming weeks. Anyone wishing to do the course and who have not been in touch with any of the club members are asked to get in contact with Sean EI2HZB on 0831379764 or by email to proffice /at/ searg.ie as soon as possible.

Full details of the course will be made known when finalised.

For up-to-date news about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and it's activities you can check our website www.searg.ie and you can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group AGM

The rescheduled date for the Annual General Meeting of Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will be Tuesday 12th January 2016 at 8pm in The Park Hotel, Clonmel. This meeting had to be cancelled in December and all group members are asked to attend. Short Wave Listeners are particularly very welcome. A number of radio related topics are up for discussion as well as plans for participation in up coming events for 2016. For more information about Tipperary Amateur Radio Group go to www.ei7trg.ie

Limerick Radio Club

The Limerick Radio Club 2 metre repeater is restored to service. The IRTS news will revert to the 2m repeater on Monday evenings at the usual time of 8pm. Further reports on the coverage will be greatly appreciated.

The 5 MHz Newsletter

The latest edition of The 5 MHz Newsletter – a WRC15 Special - is now available for free pdf download from

tinyurl.com/owttc4x

DX NEWS

A team of 9 experienced U.S. operators are scheduled to be active from Palmyra Atoll in the Pacific from 12th to 25th January. They will use the callsign K5P. Palmyra is located 1000 miles south of Hawaii and is under the control of the Nature Conservancy. The IOTA reference is OC-085 and the Grid Locator is AJ85. QSLs will be via ClubLog OQRS.

A group of 7 Japanese operators will operate as E51J from Raratonga Island in the South Cook Islands from 12th to 21st January. They will be on all bands 160m to 6m. QSLs go via ClubLog OQRS.

Nicolas F4EGX has been active as FT4XU from Kerguelen Island. He is at the Ratmanoff scientific base there and is expected to be QRV until mid-January. His QSL Manager is F1ULQ.

Peter PA8A is operating holiday-style as PJ4B from Bonaire. He will be there until

22nd January. QSL to his home call.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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